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Sir:

This document is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2005 (Paper No. 20041110) for which a three-month period for response was given. This response is timely filed with a Petition and fees for Three-Month Extension of Time and fees to include July 3, 2005. In view of the discussion provided, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.